THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

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DATED: 30-08-2005

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WRIT PETITION No.18974 OF 2005

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Between:

K.Sudhakar Sarma and another . . .Petitioners

And

The Regional Joint Commissioner of

Endowments, Tirupathi and others . . .Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioners, who are Archakas of Sri Mahankali Ammavari Temple, Issapalem Village of Narasaraopet Mandal, Guntur District, challenge the action of respondents 2 and 4 in engaging the services of the third respondent as an Archaka for two days in a week at a remuneration of Rs.70/- per day.

The petitioners state that the poojas performed in the temple are on the lines of Saivism, whereas the third respondent is a Vidik Brahmin. They also point out

certain procedural defects in the issuance of the impugned order.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners, the learned Government Pleader for Endowments and the learned Standing Counsel for the temple.

It is rather unfortunate that the petitioners, who are Archakas of the temple, have taken exception to the engagement of the third respondent as part-time Archaka that too, for two days in a week on a daily wage basis. Strictly speaking, the very engagement of the third respondent, that too, for two days in a week itself amounts to devaluation of the holy profession and status. It may be on account of the poverty, that the third respondent had accepted such offer, which by any standard does not conform even to the norms of minimum wages to unskilled labourers also. It is on account of such shortsighted, self-centered and frivolous objections raised by the persons like petitioners, the plight of temples is brought to the present level. This Court does not find any basis to interfere with the impugned order.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed.

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(L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J)

30th AUGUST, 2005.

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